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SUBJ: CONFISCATION OF AIRCRAFT (QUEEN AIR - N111V) IN
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

REF: (A) STATE 177038 (B) STATE 181849 (C) STATE 180737

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE,
DEPENDENT TERRITORIES DIVISION AND MARITIME AND GENERAL
DEPARTMENT AND DISCUSSED SITUATION. DUE TO AN EARLIER
MENTION OF THE MATTER, FCO HAD SOLICITED BASIC FACTS OF
SITUATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF TURKS AND CAICOS.

2. EMBASSY NOTED , AS DISCUSSED REFTEL C, THAT US LAW

PARALLELED THAT OF TURKS AND CAICOS ON SEIZURE OF FOREIGN
AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN CONTRABAND ACTIVITIES, BUT ALSO NOTED
ADMINISTRATIVE LATITUDE UNDER US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
REGULATIONS TO RELEASE AIRCRAFT WHERE OWNER'S INNOCENCE
IS MANIFEST. WE INQUIRED IF SIMILAR LATITUDE EXISTED
UNDER TURKS AND CAICOS OR UK LAW AND PRACTICE AND WHAT
PROCEDURE, IF ANY, EXISTED FOR MOVEMENT OF THE MATTER
FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS GOVERNMENT,
A UK DEPENDENT TERRITORY WITH CONSIDERABLE AUTONOMY,
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INTO THAT OF UK LAW OR ADMINISTRATION.

3. FCO MARITIME AND GENERAL DEPARTMENT IS POSING
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SITUATION TO THE FCO LEGAL
ADVISOR AND HOPES TO HAVE SOME ANSWERS BEFORE CLOSE
OF BUSINESS FRIDAY AUGUST 5. HOWEVER, FCO IS UNWILLING
TO APPROACH TURKS AND CAICOS GOVERNMENT AND REQUEST A

DELAY IN AUCTION PROCEEDINGS REPORTED REFTEL A.

4. FACT UK FCO LOOKING INTO LEGAL SITUATION MIGHT BE
CONVEYED INFORMALLY TO TURKS AND CAICOS AUTHORITIES

THROUGH COMMANDER USAF GRAND TURK BASE SO THAT THEY
MIGHT DELAY ACTION.

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